

News Release

Chinese Language and Culture Focus of Unique After School Program for Students in Crookston Public Schools; Program runs Oct. 5 through Dec. 9, 2010

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Learn about Chinese language and culture in a unique after school program designed for students of all ages. The University of Minnesota Crookston International Programs Office is offering an opportunity for students at the Crookston Public Schools to learn about China during a 10-week after school Mandarin Language and Cultural Program. Students from China attending the U of M Crookston will be hosting the classes scheduled after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, October 5 and running through Thursday, December 9, 2010.

The pilot program, to be held at the Crookston High School (CHS), will include a language component and/or a cultural component. Students may attend either one or both. The cost is \$25 for the Language Course (Tuesdays) and \$25 for the Culture Course (Thursdays), or \$40 for both courses. The cost will include a snack and beverage during each class and a participation certificate. Parents will need to commit to dropping their son or daughter off at CHS at 3:45 p.m. and would need to pick up their child at 4:45 p.m.

The cultural classes held on Thursdays will include a wide variety of topics including language, dress, games, and art. The language classes held Tuesdays will be divided into small groups that are age appropriate to teach students basic Mandarin. The 10-week session will conclude with a celebration with students and their families. For more information, contact Rae French at 281-8339 or [rfrench@umn.edu](mailto:rfrench@umn.edu).

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In the photo: The U of M Crookston has some 40 students from China. Over Labor Day weekend, international students visited the Minnesota State Fair and the Mall of America on a trip to the Twin Cities.



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